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At the Court at St. James's, December 17.

PRESENT,

The Queen's moſt Excellent Majeſty in Council.

IT having been Repreſented to Her Majeſty in Council, That notwithſtanding the great Care that has been taken, as well by ſeveral Orders and Directions of this Board, as by Her Majeſty's late Proclamation, for preventing the Contagion that may be brought into this Kingdom by Ships coming from ſeveral Places on the Baltick Sea, that have been, and ſtill are, Infected with the Plague, divers Evil-diſpoſed Perſons do preſume to come on Shore from, or go on Board the Ships lying under Quarantain, to the manifeſt Danger of Infecting Her Majeſty's Subjects: It is thereupon thought fit, and accordingly Order'd by Her Majeſty in Council, That the Juſtices of the Peace of the ſeveral Counties adjoining to the appointed Places where the Quarantains are to be performed, do forthwith cauſe Watches to be kept in the moſt proper and convenient Places, within the ſeveral adjacent Pariſhes, with ſtrict Orders to them not to permit or ſuffer any Perſons whatſoever to come on Shore from, or go on Board any Ships under Quarantain, except ſuch only as have the Charge of ſeeing the Quarantain duly performed.

Chriſto. Muſgrave.

Milan, December 6. *N. S.* General Thaun ſet out from hence on the 4th Inſtant for Vienna, and has left the Imperial Troops quarter'd in this State, the Plaiſantin and Mantua, under the Command of the Marquis Anibal Viſconti. They write from Rome, that his Imperial Majeſty had conferr'd the Title of Prince of the Empire on the Conſtable Colonna, on Condition that he ſhould give the Right Hand to the Marquis de Prié in his own Houſe. Prince d'Avelino, Ambaſſador-Extraordinary from King Charles, continuing to make preſſing Inſtances to his Holineſs for a Nuncio to be ſent to his Catholick Majeſty in Spain, it is thought that Dignity will be conferr'd on Signior Borromeo, Brother to the Viceroy of Naples. The Pope's Phyſicians having told him it was their Opinion that the Palace of the Vatican ſtood in a more healthy Air than that of the Quirinal, his Holineſs has been at a great Expence in Repairing and Beautifying it, and removed thither with all his Court on the 28th of the laſt Month, and propoſeth to reſide there this Winter. Letters from Turin adviſe, that all Things continue quiet on the Frontiers, and that his Royal Highneſs had disbanded ſeveral Men belonging to the Train of Artillery, whoſe Numbers were grown ſuperfluous; and that he had likewiſe made a Reform in his Infantry of five Men out of each Company, which Men however were to be incorporated a-new, and ſerve as Recruits. We are adviſed from Naples, that the new Viceroy continues his Naval Preparations with extraordinary Diligence; and that the Galleys belonging to that Kingdom would very ſoon be in a Condition to put to Sea. Four thouſand Imperial Soldiers, that have been lately quarter'd in ſuch Places as belong to the Emperor on the Adriatick, having receiv'd Orders to March to Naples, Repreſentations have been made to the Prince of Darmſtadt, of the probability there is that the Infection is got among thoſe Troops, who have thereupon been order'd by that General to perform their Quarantain at Peſcara.

Hague, December 23. *N. S.* The Prince of Savoy left Amſterdam on Sunday the 14th Inſtant, and proceeded on his Journey to Vienna. Monſieur de Bothmar return'd hither the ſame Day from Helvoetſluyce, having been oblig'd by ſtrong contrary Winds to put back thither, after he had been out at Sea as far as the Goerée in his Way to England: He intends now to ſtay 'till the Duke of Marlborough goes, who waits only for the firſt favourable Opportunity of a good Wind to embark for that Kingdom. Admiral Peterſon, who Commands the Squadron deſign'd for the Mediterranean, with all the Officers belonging to thoſe Ships, has been on Board theſe ſeveral Days, and is only detain'd by contrary Winds, which have been of late very violent upon theſe Coaſts. The Mony which is requiſite for raiſing Recruits will very ſoon be diſtributed among the Officers, who have receiv'd repeated Orders to have their Companies compleat by the 25th of March next, on pain of being Caſhier'd. The States of Holland ſeparated for ſome time on Saturday laſt, having firſt diſpos'd of ſeveral Military Offices that were vacant, and agreed to a Reſolution of ſending ſome Battalions into Spain, to reinforce the Army of King Charles, which will, no doubt, be approv'd of by the States-General. Our Letters from France make mention of his Catholick Majeſty's Retreat with his Army into Arragon and Catalonia. They ſay, his Majeſty having commanded Toledo to be abandoned on the 28th of the laſt Month, march'd himſelf firſt with a Body of one thouſand Horſe towards Saragoſſa, giving Orders for the reſt of his Forces, which they pretend are reduced to ten thouſand Men, to follow ſoon after; and that they accordingly paſs'd the Xarama, a River that falls into the Tagus near Aranjuez, breaking down all the Bridges, and burning ſuch Boats as they could find, that they might the better retard the Enemy, ſhould they think fit to purſue them. Theſe Letters add, that the Duke of Anjou having receiv'd Advice of his Catholick Majeſty's Retreat, had detach'd four thouſand Horſe of his beſt Troops to attack the Rear, with Orders to join, if poſſible, eight thouſand Foot from the Duke of Noailles's Army in Rouſſillon, from whence the Troops were marching towards Catalonia, a ſtrong Party of thoſe Forces having already penetrated within ſix Leagues of Barcelona, and the Duke of Noailles having ſent to demand thirty thouſand Rations of Bread from the City of Saragoſſa. They tell us further, that the Duke of Anjou made his publick Entry into Madrid the 3d Inſtant: And tho' ſome Letters pretend that the Dutcheſs his Conſort was likewiſe preparing to return thither with the Prince her Son, yet others of a freſher Date adviſe, that ſhe was removed to Bayonne, whither the Marſhal de Montrevil was gone to meet her, and Conduct her to a Place call'd Bareges, for the Benefit of the Waters there, which it is hoped will cure her of a Swelling under her Throat, to which ſhe has been ſubject for ſome Years. This is the Subſtance of what the French think fit to Publiſh of

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